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Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action dated January 16, 2004. The Office Action rejected each one of pending claims 1-31 as being unpatentable in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0058494 and U.S. Patent No. 6,621,793.

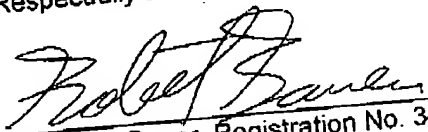
Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections on the grounds that the applied references are not prior art. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0058494 is not prior art because it is commonly assigned to Nokia Corporation, the assignee of this application, by virtue of an Assignment recorded at Reel 012517, Frame 0533, and was not published prior to the May 24, 2000 filing date of this application. U.S. Patent No. 6,621,793 is not prior art because it is based on two provisional applications, only one of which (provisional application no. 60/206,186 filed on May

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22, 2000) has a filing date prior to the May 24, 2000 filing date of this application. If a reference needs the priority of both of two priority applications having different filing dates, then it is only entitled to the filing date of the later filed priority application (In this case, provisional application no. 60.246,501 filed on Nov. 6, 2000).

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the prior art rejections should be withdrawn at least for this reason and request that this application be allowed to pass to issue.

Respectfully submitted,


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